

COMMENT ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Here's a form to guide you in making your Comment for the record. You can hand it in today or you can send it later to the Dept. of Commerce that's preparing the Environmental Impact Statement. Comments must be received by March 13, 2007. Comments may be sent by email to sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us or by mail:

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FOR COMMENTS TO COUNT, THEY MUST BE ABOUT THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, WHAT THE EA MUST ADDRESS.

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MY COMMENT REGARDING SCOPE OF CHISAGO EA:

Generally, the EA should consider:

see attached

The EA must address the visual impacts of line in these open/protected spaces:

The EA must address the visual impact of line through these cities at these locations:

The EA must address the socioeconomic impact of transmission through these downtown business districts:

The EA must address the comparative impact and costs of overhead and underground transmission line in the following locations:

see attached

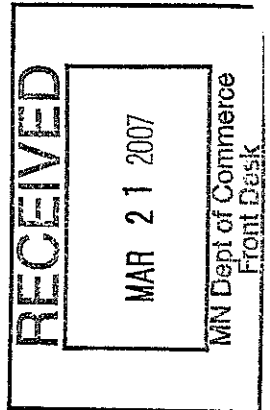
ALTERNATE ROUTES

The Dept. of Commerce should consider the following alternate routes (provide as detailed description as possible of route and why that route should be considered – attach a map if possible):

See other side →

Prepared and provided by the City of Lindstrom

For more project info, go to www.puc.state.mn.us and search eDockets for 04-1176 and 06-1677



The EA must address the following socioeconomic impacts of transmission line on tourism:

The EA must address the following socioeconomic impact of transmission line on agriculture:

The EA must address socioeconomic issues related to eminent domain and easements for this transmission, i.e., conditions, whether upgrades are allowed, stream of payment:

The EA must address the following cultural impacts of the transmission line:

The EA must address the following construction impacts, and impacts of maintenance and operation:

The EA must address the following transmission and substation noise issues:

The EA must address the following safety issues:

The EA must address traffic routing and impact issues:

The EA must address the following wetland impact issues in the following areas:

The EA must address the following wildlife impact issues in the following areas:

The EA must address land use appropriateness and impact issues, particularly in these areas:

The EA must address the following health impacts of the transmission line:

The EA must address the following electromagnetic field impacts of the transmission line:

Other:

Date: 3-20-'07

Signature: Gary F. Gerke

March 19, 2007

To: Tom Hillstrom - *SHARON FERGUSON*

From: Gary Gerke, Lindstrom (257-5679)

Re: Xcel Energy Chisago County Transmission Project **(COMMENTS)**

I am concerned about overhead wires and poles between the Lindstrom Substation and St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Lindstrom.

I'm especially concerned about the poles and wires north of the Lakeview Motel, across Highway 8 from the Dinnerbel. Some day, hopefully, a new motel/hotel will replace the existing motel. However, if the unsightly poles and wires are used, it would be a huge detriment to that project on the lakeshore.

Let's do the job properly in downtown Lindstrom with duct banks and manholes so that we won't have to do it again for another 50 years. Make it large enough (the duct bank) so it could accommodate two 3-phase circuits of 115 K.V. as well as space for a 3-phase 7,200/13,600 volt line.

Perhaps the EMF wouldn't be as much a problem if the wires were underground.

Gary Gerke